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Date**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend the Application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.